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Office Action Summary

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10/618,847

Applicant(s)

WESSELLS ET AL.

Examiner

STEVEN M. MARSH

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2009.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-31 and 40-42 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-31 and 40-42 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is the second office action for US Application 10/618,847 for a Multiuse Device Mounting System and Method. Claims 2-31 and 40-42 are pending.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show the couplers for attaching each leg into a single component as described in the specification. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

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the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 2-31 and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The specification and drawings do not clearly describe the invention. For example, figures 1-3 show a "unitary" mode, wherein each assembly 110 is connected together to form a single assembly. However, if multiple assemblies are forming the unitary assembly, three assemblies 110 should be indicated in the drawing, rather than one. Also, Applicant has not illustrated the couplers in the drawing, which appear to be essential to transitioning the invention from a plurality of members to a single flexible assembly, which is the novel aspect of the invention. Additionally, in figure 5, the assemblies 110 are shown extending from the sides of the mounting head 430, but it is not clear what attaches them to the side of the head. Finally, the figures fail to show the mounting system as a single flexible system attached to a head and a plurality of legs attached to the head. Figures 1-3 shown the

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single assembly attached to head 120, but Figures 4-7 show the plurality of legs attached to an alternate head 410.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 2,684,822 to Odin. Odin discloses repositionable mounting system with a means for repetitive positioning (3a, 3b, 3c, 4, and 5) into a plurality of orientations by moving an assembly into a first particular orientation wherein the assembly retains the particular orientation until the assembly is moved into a second particular orientation. There is also a means (1) coupled to a first end of the positioning means for engaging a first mating structure.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 2-16, 18-31 and 40-42 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Response to Arguments

With respect to claim 17, Applicant's arguments filed January 10, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In claim 17, Applicant appears to be attempting to invoke 112(6) and argue that the means plus function language is disclosed in the specification. However, the specification

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does not specifically state what the means for repetitive positioning or means for engaging a first mating structure are in the claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEVEN M. MARSH whose telephone number is (571)272-6819. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 7:00 pm (Monday-Thursday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J Allen Shriver can be reached on 571-272-6698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Steven M Marsh/
Examiner, Art Unit 3632
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